



“We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours.

We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed. If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God’s voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator. Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die. People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God’s help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

Readings for the Week of January 10th, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m: Alex George, Allen George and Joseph Ophy. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families Mae Helen Bernard, Milton Bernard and Richard Bernard. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams .



Will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Contact the church office to arrange Baptismal class and scheduling.

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on January 9th, 2020. The next group is **Group A:** Gaynell Kimbel, Maire Francis and Jennifer Harris – January 16th, 2021.

St. Anthony — January 2021: (Group A) Mary Alice Cormier, Loucinda George and Jeanette Mitchell

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER:

Pick up Poinsettias after January 10th, the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL DONATIONS

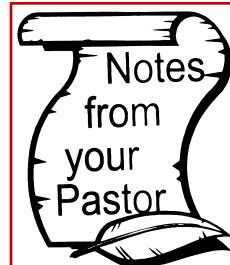
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Foster



Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY January 16, 2021 5:00pm	Lesia Handy	Cathy Sigur		
SUNDAY January 17, 2021 8:00am				
SUNDAY January 17, 2021 10:00am	Jennifer Harris	Brenda Washington		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

PASTORS CORNER



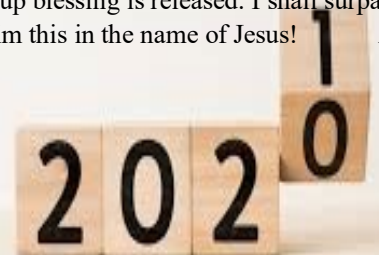
Mk 1:7-11

Today’s Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It’s a feast of transition from Jesus hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism? First by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament era of grace and truth. Second it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were in a sense, “baptized” by Him. By entering into the waters Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Third the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters,] “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven ‘You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical audible and visible form so that all present would know without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son’s mission to the world. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time reflect today upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

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Inspirations for Your Week

Lord, may this year be full of blessings and favor. "Out with the old, in with the new". I declare everything that has held me back is lifted, what restricted me is removed, and every held up blessing is released. I shall surpass 2020 in 2021. I claim this in the name of Jesus! **Amen**



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving

Jan 2nd & 3rd, 2021

St. Joseph: (78 Envelopes) \$845.00

St. Anthony: (22 Envelopes) 446.00

\$1,291.00

2nd Collections:

Building Maintenance: 330.00
Diocesan Collections (Catholic Universities) 100.00
New Years Day 74.00
Annual Donations: 50.00

TOTAL: \$1,845.00

November Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$1,321.87

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”